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Note verbale dated 30 May 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006), and has the honour to transmit the report of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Committee on the measures taken with a view to implementing respective provisions of Security Council resolution 1803 (2008) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 30 May 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) on the measures taken with a view to implementing respective provisions of United Nations Security Council resolution 1803 (2008)

The Republic of Azerbaijan attaches utmost importance to the prevention of use of its territory as a transit route for illicit trafficking of items and materials of proliferation concern. To this end, the Government of Azerbaijan has developed comprehensive national export control legislation in line with international standards, which covers export, import, re-export, re-import and transit of items of proliferation concern and dual-use goods.

Following the adoption of Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), the Working Group of Governmental experts, which was established for the purpose of studying requirements of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2000) and 1747 (2007) and consisting of high-level experts from relevant State agencies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, held another meeting in order to discuss and elaborate guidelines and recommendations for the implementation of all provisions of Security Council resolution 1803 in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

On the basis of the Working Group's activity, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan issued updated instructions to respective State agencies, including the National Bank of Azerbaijan, which controls activities of private banks in Azerbaijan, taking into account all requirements with a view to implementing respective provisions of the resolution.

It should be noted that implementation of provisions of Security Council resolution 1803, as well as international norms of non-proliferation, including combating illicit trafficking, cannot be provided for 20 per cent of Azerbaijan's internationally recognized territories currently occupied by neighbouring Armenia, as a consequence of which the Republic of Azerbaijan does not control 132 km of its south border.